GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:8
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2000
PERISHING OF SHEEP AND GOATS IN GARHWAL
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that more than 4500 sheep and goats have perished due to some mysterious disease in high pastures around Joshimath in Garhwal region;

(b) if so, whether the Government have sent any team of experts to find out the reasons and remedies for the disease;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the immediate steps taken by the Government to check the spread of disease in the region; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): Yes Sir. Government of Uttar Pradesh have informed that an outbreak of a mysterious disease occurred in Joshimath Block of Chamoli District. A total of 10,880 sheep and goats were affected of which 755 died.

(b) to(c): A team consisting of 9 members led by the Chief Veterinary Officer, Chamoli rushed immediately to the affected area to find out the reasons and remedies for the disease. The team collected samples for laboratory diagnosis of the disease and immediately sent to Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Mukteswar.Indian Veterinary Research Institute has confirmed the disease as Peste des Petits Ruminants.

(d)&(e): On confirmation of the disease, the remaining susceptible animals were vaccinated and thereafter no mortality has been reported due to this disease in that area.